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Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Secretary-General has received notification of the resignation of Akira Sugiyama (Japan) from the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, effective 12 August 2013. Accordingly, the General Assembly will be required to appoint, at its current session, a person to fill the vacancy for the remaining period of the term of office of Mr. Sugiyama, which expires on 31 December 2013.

2. The Government of Japan has nominated Toshihiro Aiki to fill the vacancy arising from the resignation of Mr. Sugiyama.

3. In a communication dated 25 July 2013, the Secretariat was informed by the Chair of the Group of Asia-Pacific States that the candidature of Mr. Aiki had been endorsed by the Group.

4. The candidate's curriculum vitae is annexed to the present note.

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Annex

Toshihiro Aiki (Japan)*

Present position

Minister, United Nations Administrative and Budgetary Affairs Section, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations

Academic background

1985	Bachelor of Arts in Law, Faculty of Law, The University of Tokyo
1989	Master of Arts in Political Science, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Columbia University in the City of New York

Professional background

1985	Joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1988	Attaché, subsequently Second Secretary, Embassy of Japan in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
1992	Official, subsequently Deputy Director, International Legal Affairs Division
1995	Deputy Director, subsequently Principal Deputy Director, Ocean Division
1997	Principal Deputy Director, Japan-United States Security Treaty Division
1998	First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Japan to the European Union
2001	Counsellor, Embassy of Japan in the Russian Federation
2003	Senior Coordinator, Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs Division
2004	Director, United Nations Administration Division
2006	Director, Economic Treaties Division and Social Treaties Division
2007	Minister, Embassy of Japan in the Russian Federation
2010	Minister, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Japan in Israel
2013	Minister, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations

Mr. Aiki has served in the Japanese Foreign Service for more than 28 years, during which he has developed extensive knowledge and experience with respect to public administration and the international development agenda. He is proficient in English and Russian.

Mr. Aiki, as Director of the United Nations Administration Division in the Japanese Foreign Ministry, dealt with United Nations administrative and budgetary issues. His responsibilities also covered budgetary aspects of various United Nations funds and programmes. He represented Japan in the Fifth Committee during the fifty-ninth and sixtieth sessions of the General Assembly and leads the Japanese Fifth Committee team in New York during the sixty-seventh session. Furthermore,

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he has direct knowledge of how peacekeeping operations are conducted on the ground through his contacts with the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force at the Embassy of Japan in Israel.

Mr. Aiki has wide knowledge of development issues at the United Nations, based on his experience representing Japan in the Economic and Social Council and the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific as Director of the United Nations Administration Division. He also formed Japan's policy on its contributions to United Nations development organizations. His thorough understanding of development issues has also been cultivated through coordinating Japan's official development assistance on the ground for the Caucasus, Central Asia and Palestine. In particular, for the people of Palestine he coordinated Japan's official development assistance both bilaterally and through international organizations.

Mr. Aiki has demonstrated his calibre in the multilateral arena, including through representing Japan at meetings of the States parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. Earlier in his career, he also served as an assistant to a member of the International Law Commission of the United Nations.